

# **SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET**

## **Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services**

*This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Eighth Worcester Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2002.*

### **Residents of Eighth Worcester Representative District**

#### **Characteristics of Admissions**

In FY 2002, there were 124,539 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (778) of these admissions reside in the Eighth Worcester Representative District.<sup>1</sup> **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2002, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Eighth Worcester Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 73% male and 27% were female.
- 62% were between the ages of 21-39.
- 84% were white non-Latino, 3% were black non-Latino, 10% were Latino, and 3% were other racial categories.
- 62% were never married, 16% were married, and 22% reported not to be married now.
- 30% had less than high school education, 51% completed high school, and 19% had more than high school education.
- 42% were employed.
- 6% were homeless.
- 26% had prior mental health treatment.

#### **Primary Substance of Use**

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Eighth Worcester Representative District.

<b>Table 1</b>					
<b>Primary Drug by District and State FY 2002</b>					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	47%	36%	11%	2%	2%
State	45%	37%	6%	4%	3%

#### **Substances Used in Past Year**

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

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<sup>1</sup> To protect client confidentiality, statistics representing clients under 17 years of age have been omitted from this fact sheet.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

<b>Table 2</b> <b>Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2002</b>							
<b>Eighth Worcester Representative District</b>							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
<b>FY '95</b>	550	474	174	132	55	103	52
<b>FY '96</b>	564	481	203	133	67	132	77
<b>FY '97</b>	573	489	178	126	57	126	103
<b>FY '98</b>	682	589	261	170	87	173	136
<b>FY '99</b>	718	594	232	179	98	193	153
<b>FY '00</b>	757	606	249	163	119	256	197
<b>FY '01</b>	781	564	240	158	95	286	242
<b>FY '02</b>	778	545	236	154	100	296	217